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REQUEST FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICANTS' NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES OF MARCH 19, 2003

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Applicants hereby withdraw Applicants' Notice of Appeal mailed March 19, 2003 in the above-referenced patent application. Applicants file concurrently herewith a Petition for Extension of Time pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a) to extend the time to filing the Appeal Brief to August 24, 2003. This extension is undertaken to maintain the copendency of the present application with the filing of two divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the present application. The claims in the cases partitions the subject matter of the present case into that which should be allowable and that which gave rise to the present rejection on Appeal, thus advancing the prosecution one application to allowance and narrowing the focus in the other case to that which was rejected.

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